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SPECIAL PRIVILEGES IN WILDFOWLING CONSIDERED UNWISE BY U. S. BUREAU

It would be most unwise at this time to permit special privileges in the way of longer seasons or larger bag limits on shooting preserves that are located on natural flyways or are visited by wild, undomesticated ducks, says a statement by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Even though domestically bred waterfowl are raised and released on such preserves, the presence of wild birds that can not be distinguished from the others makes it imperative to apply Federal migratory regulations as elsewhere, says the Bureau.

Special privileges, the Bureau comments, are justifiable in the case of resident nonmigratory game and may sometimes be granted by various States when such species are reared by clubs or landowners, but the wild birds of migratory species mix with the semi-domesticated birds and are killed with them. Under such conditions when migrant game is involved, preserve owners, it is pointed out, would be shooting publicly owned birds at times when the shooting seasons would be closed to the general public or would be shooting birds in numbers in excess of those permitted the general public.

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